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My dear Sir Your letter found me with one foot
in my carriage for the south, after having
transacted a bit of goat & another of deer stalking
in this remote region. It tells me more
than I could gather from the papers &
confirms my impression that his North's start
has been a promising one. I could not in
the H. of Commons judge of his Colleen from
his first speech. Where he now is of course
like others he will find his true level or
nearly so, & I should suspect it will not
be an high one. He strikes me as a man of
one idea & one speech & the idea a
false one, namely that his own land solution
will be a panacea. Morrison's pills may be
very good things but I have always doubted
his pretensions to universality. My impression is

that the hosts or coin in England & Cottons
in Ireland, will think twice before they do anything
which may endanger his Royal Majesty's office.
Ten years of starvation must have taught them
worldly prudence; at least one would think so.
La Fontaine's observations on the Irish for use
are gentlemanlike, & if there had a little
in view the building of a wall between them
for the Orangemen the object is a
legitimate one, & the means used perfectly
fair. I still with some reluctance for
Sancus's sake. People here are for
a big laid but are less little of distress
or dissatisfaction.

Yours

My dear Sir

Very much obliged

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